Pure Carpenter's - The Singles Uncovered 1969 -2001 Mike's Mix's

Hey Kids,

Recently Paul has posted and reposted a few different kinds of Carpenters albums curtesy of his friend from Rio! It inspired me (A very very long time Carpenters fan) to put together my own spin on the their creations.

So far, we've posted here, a near acappella version, a semi acappella (piano only) version, and a total acappella version.

I came up with a pure stringless and no extra voices version of most of their singles version!

I started by making up a list of all of their singles from 1969 through 2001. It was about 65 songs. I went through that list and removed the lesser known cuts and their less popular songs (which almost entirely came from their later period, after 1981. Then I eliminated songs which I didn't like, and songs that had too many children choirs creating all the background vocals. Finally, I removed all the strings and orchestras which really covered up a lot of Karen's gorgeous vocals. I loved the early days of just Karen and Richard singing their own harmonies. This was the feeling I was trying capture but from throughout their entire career.

This left me with about 50 songs.

From these, I did Mike's Mixes of all of them, not with my usual intent to UNCOVER hidden things, but with the intent to back off the heavy production used on a large portion of their songs, and just focus on Karen and her singing backed by usually just piano, bass, acoustic guitar and drums. I removed 95% of all the strings, and backing vocals not done by Karen and Richard, as well as a chunk of other instruments that drew you attention away from Karen and her stunning voice.

At times I was forced to leave some of that background stuff in because it was the only thing happening at times during the song… but I did cut out as much of the extraneous added production as I could. I also left and occasional trumpet, oboe, sax or electric guitar in there because the solo would be just plain gone without them there.

I really like the way these 3 volumes turned out. It about 3 hours worth of Pure Carpenters dived into 3, roughly 1 hour volumes, 1969-1972, 1973-1976, and 1977-2001.

I also numbered all the cuts consecutively incase you want to just throw them into one huge file.

So here is my version of the best of the Pure Carpenter Singles.

This was a blast to put together and I hope you enjoy listening to them in this (less schmaltzy) form, as much as I do. These songs really do take me back!

Michael

Ps… if you love Karen's singing and miss her as much as I do, I would highly suggest you check out 2 other artists:

Harriet (OMG)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11HmqHBIloc (Afterglow)

https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1Gc5zFcfUD (masquerade)

And her YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzyRgi4QVN5tPAzcSTP3ytA

And to a lesser extent

Rumer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXlC4RxOG-0

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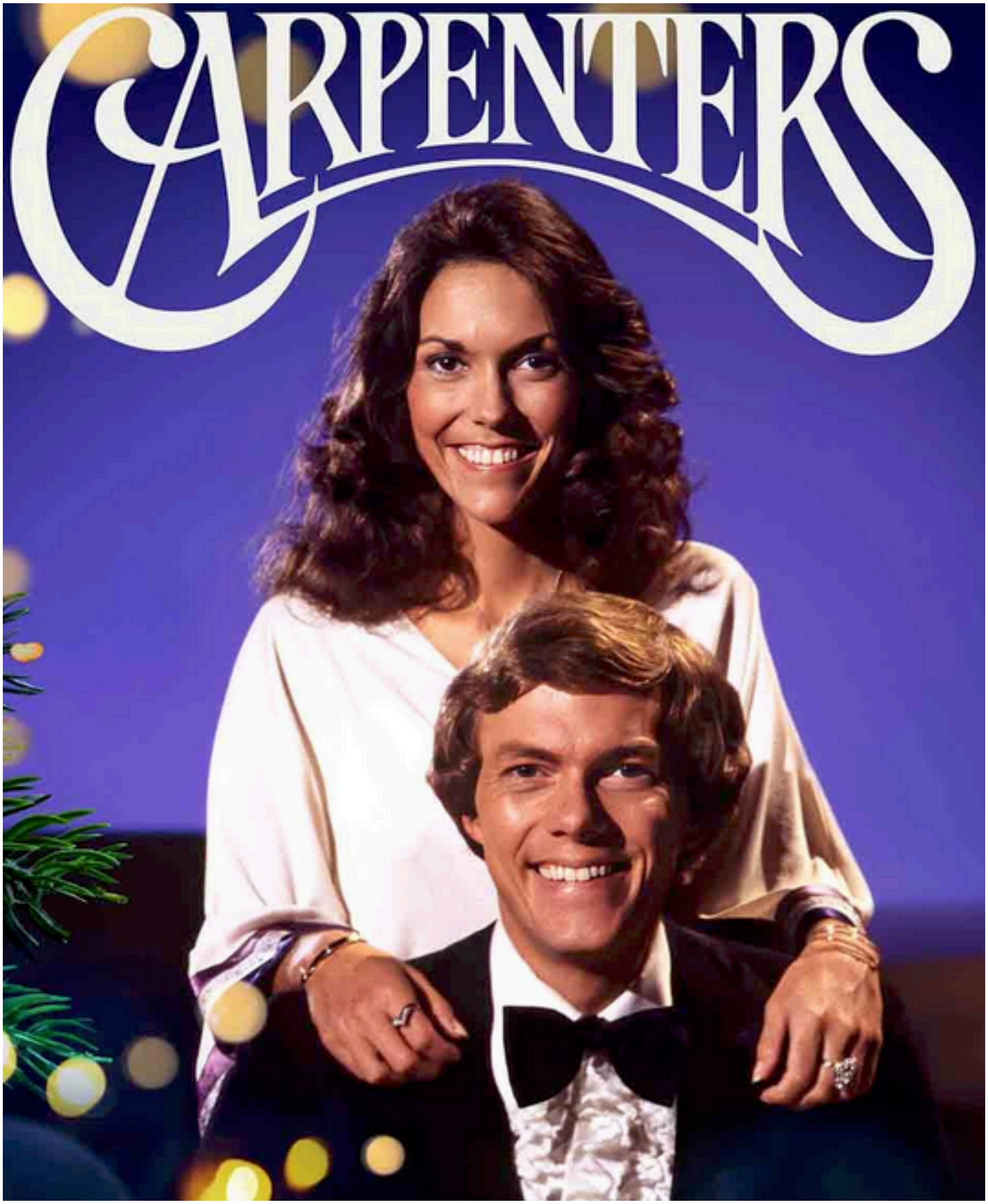
Playlist: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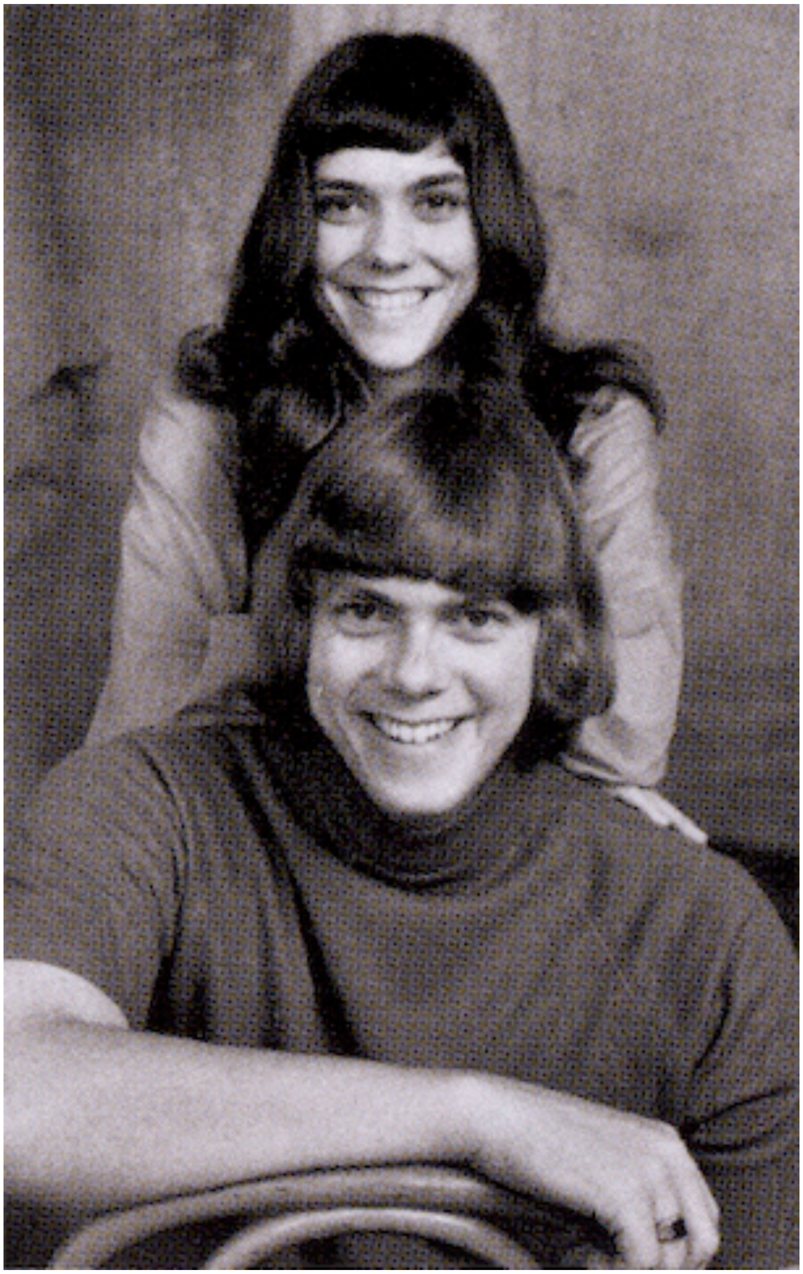

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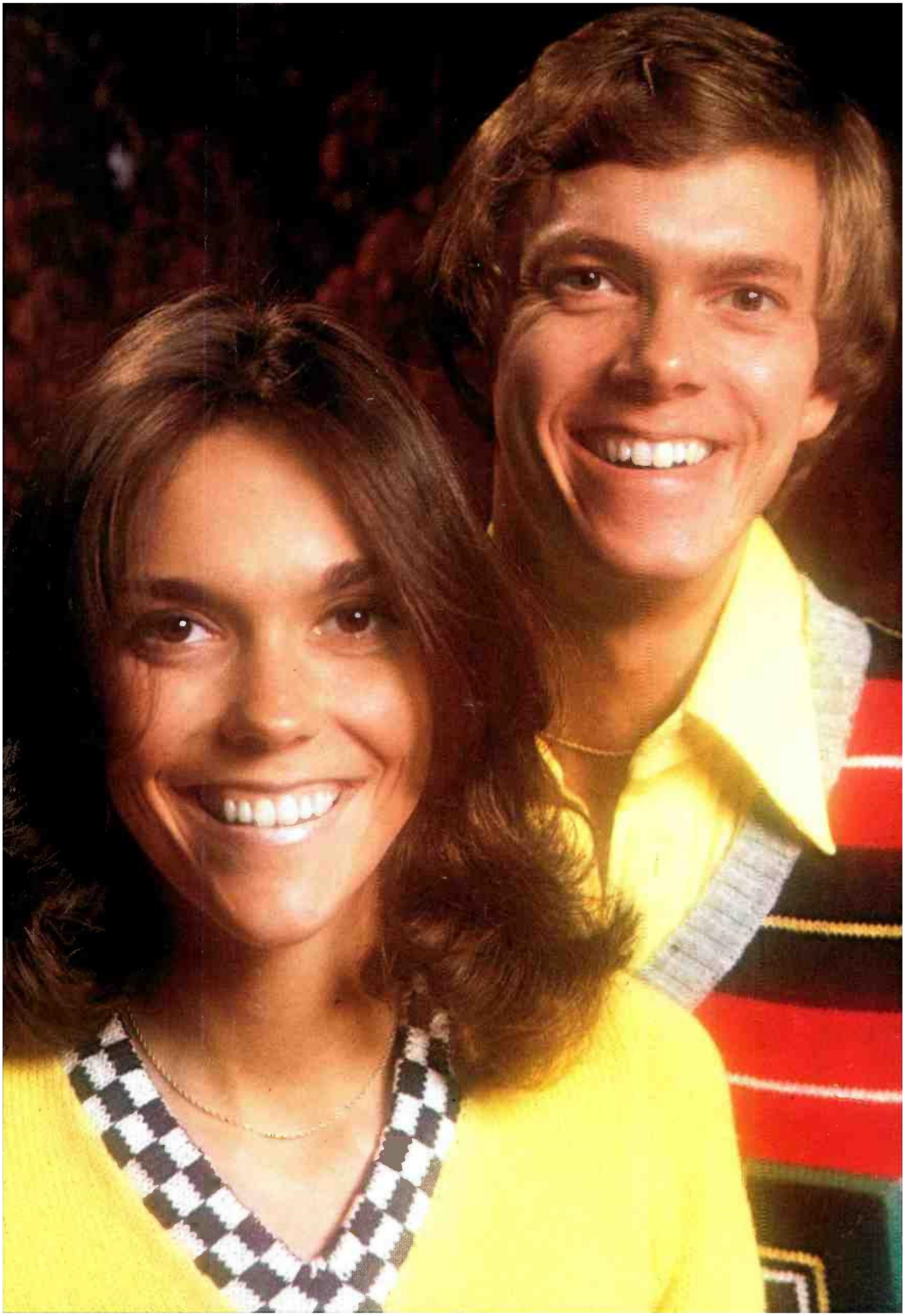

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